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**PASSAIC VICINAGE PROBATION OFFICERS HONORED**

Five Passaic Vicinage probation officers received distinguished service awards from the Chief Probation Officers of New Jersey (CPONJ) on July 20.

Supervisor Victor Urgo, Senior Probation Officers Richard Conkling, Edwin Hampe, Janneth Agudelo and Probation Officer Erika Rivero joined other probation professionals from around the state at the R. J. Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton to participate in an awards ceremony where Judge Glenn A. Grant, acting administrative director of the courts, presented certificates of recognition.

CPONJ is a professional association of chief and assistant chief probation officers from around the state. Each year, officers who stand out for meritorious service, outstanding achievement or career achievement are nominated by their chief for such recognition.

Officers Hampe and Agudelo both supervise adult sex offenders. Each has demonstrated diligence and excellence in their work. Hampe's flawless attention to detail is known and appreciated by all who work with him. Agudelo, an 11-year veteran, continues to manage her challenging caseload while also serving as a trainer for other probation officers.

In his 13 years of service, Conkling has been someone whose exceptional abilities, initiative and collegiality set him apart from many.

Urgo and Rivero are assigned to the juvenile division. Urgo, a 26-year veteran of probation services, has made numerous contributions to the division, particularly in reviving the internal health and safety committee. In his capacity as co-chair of the committee, he has trained all officers in radio protocol and various field safety issues. Rivero has worked as an officer for four years, managing a school-based caseload and working on the community-based Project Safe Neighborhood. Rivero has completed several special projects and made several presentations throughout the community.

“All of the officers recognized by Director Grant and CPONJ are excellent ambassadors for the Probation Division,” said Passaic Chief Probation Officer Gordon Muth. “They epitomize all of the qualities that are valued in a probation officer.”

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